

Recycling food scraps is the easiest way you can fight climate change – and all it takes is a few tweaks to your kitchen routine.

If you have the space, a countertop bin for produce scraps, moldy leftovers, coffee grounds and other kitchen waste is good for families on the go.

- Bins with filters and air-tight lids keep your kitchen fresh between trips to the curbside bin.

Under-the-sink containers are great when space is tight. Plus, the kids can get involved.

And you can always upcycle old containers. Store your organic waste in the freezer and recycle it when you're ready.

Do your part. Recycle smart. Check [iRecycleSmart.com](http://iRecycleSmart.com) and join California's Climate Food Fight.

Once you upgrade your kitchen routine to separate your food scraps, check [iRecycleSmart.com](http://iRecycleSmart.com) to learn about your curbside collection program requirements.

Most communities provide a dedicated “green bin” to recycle your food and yard waste.

When emptying your kitchen container into your curbside “Green Bin,” you'll either:

- Combine, or mingle your food and yard waste together. Or,
- Keep your food and yard waste separate. This typically involves “bagging” your food scraps and placing them on top of your yard waste in your “Green Bin” or placing them in a separate “food scraps only” bin.

Check [iRecycleSmart.com](http://iRecycleSmart.com) for local recycling information to confirm what your curbside program collects.

So, you're ready to recycle your food scraps but worry about the “ick factor.”

You can fight climate change AND keep your kitchen clean.

- Just line your kitchen bin with used paper, or wash it between uses.
- Some containers come with air filters to keep odors in check.
  - A bit of baking soda works, too.
- You can also empty your kitchen bin in your curbside container every few days.
- Or freeze your kitchen scraps until your curbside collection day.

Once outside, layer your food and yard waste to keep your curbside bin clean. And give it a quick rinse as needed.

If pests weren't a problem when your food scraps went in the trash, moving the material to a new bin should be no different.

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